

Detained Child Subjected to Beating and Insults

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Activists confirmed that Qasim Mutaqawi, 15 years old, was subjected to beating and insults following his arrest on 17 December 2015.

Activist Husain Radhi stated that Qasim was arrested from Duraz by security forces in civilian clothes, who usually accompany forces in uniform when suppressing popular protests.

Husain added that eyewitnesses told the family that forces beat Qasim and confiscated his camera. Qasim was known to be an amateur photographer.

Qasim's family said that he was transported to Budaiya police station after his arrest. During the first visit, Qasim told his family that he was beaten, insulted, cursed, and threatened in the police station and the CID building.

His family said that Qasim looked exhausted and in bad health during the visit at Dry Dock Detention Center, where he is currently being held.